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SUBJ: NEW ZEALAND DEFENSE MINISTER VISIT JAKARTA

1. NEW ZEALAND DCM MARTIN BRIEF POLCOUNS MAY 5 ON
APRIL 30-MAY 3 VISIT TO INDONESIA OF DEFENSE MINISTER
FRASER. MARTIN OPENED BY STATING HIS EMBASSY HAD
RECOMMENDED AGAINST VISIT SINCE THERE NOTHING OF
BILATERAL INTEREST TO BE DISCUSSED, BUT THAT WELLINGTON
HAD DECIDED THERE SOME VALUE TO INCOMING DEFMIN BEING
EXPOSED TO GOI LEADERSHIP. INDONESIANS GAVE FRASER
"TOP DRAWER" TREATMENT, WHICH MARTIN ATTRIBUTED TO
FACT THAT INDONESIAN DEPUTY CINC SURONO WAS RECENTLY
HOSTED IN NEW ZEALAND.

2. FRASER MET WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND DEFMIN

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PANGGABEAN. SUHARTO SPOKE FOR ALMOST ENTIRETY OF

THIRTY MINUTE CALL, OUTLINING HIS VIEW THAT SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA FELL IN LARGE PART DUE TO FAILURE TO RELY ON THEMSELVES, WHILE INDONESIA, WITH EMPHASIS ON "NATIONAL RESILIENCE", NOT SUSCEPTIBLE TO SAME FATE. MARTIN SAID AMBASSADOR JERMYN, WHO ACCOMPANIED FRASER ON CALL, IS SICK AND THEREFORE HAS NOT WRITTEN UP MEETING, BUT FROM REMARKS HE MADE TO MARTIN QUESTIONS OF US PRESENCE IN AREA AND MILITARY BASES DID NOT ARISE.

3. IN MEETING WITH FRASER, PANGGABEAN SPENT MAJORITY OF TIME EXPLAINING HOW HE WOULD HAVE FOUGHT VIETNAM NAM WAR. SPECIFIC PROJECTS UNDER NZ MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY) ALSO RAISED BUT, SINCE NZ NOT IN POSITION TO OFFER ANY GREATER LEVEL OF AID, DISCUSSIONS NOT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. NEWSOM

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